

OZONE ACTION

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Teaching personal responsibility for ensuring a clean safe environment.

Cast: Staff

Ditty

Renee Recycles

Props:

Toy Lawn Mower

Gas can

**Ditty: (coming Onstage) Run! Run! Run
for your lives!**

Staff: What's wrong Ditty?

Ditty: Lerts are coming!

Staff: Calm down Ditty. What is a "Lert"

**Ditty: I don't know but the man on the radio
said to watch out for "ozone lerts".
Whatever that is I don't want any part
of it.**

**Staff: Is it possible that the man on the
radio said to stay tuned for an Ozone
Alert.**

**Ditty: Lerts, alerts, ozone. It all sounds
dangerous to me.**

Staff: Ditty do you know what ozone is?

Ditty: (word drawn out) Nooooo

Staff: Maybe we can get my very smart friend Renee Recycles to come out and tell us. Hey Renee!

Renee: Hi, folks. What's up?

Staff: Could you please tell everyone what ozone is?

Renee: Oh that's easy. Ozone is a colorless gas.

Ditty: Like the gas you put in your car or the one you get when you eat beans or cabbage?

Renee: (laughing) Out of those two it is more like the one you get from beans or..

Ditty: (interrupting) Oh gross! I told you it was bad.

Staff: No, Ditty. Ozone can be bad or good.

Renee: Yeah! That's right. Ozone high up in the air protects us from the sun's harmful rays and ozone at the ground is a big part of what we call smog.

Ditty: Oooh! Sounds like a horror movie.
**THE SMOGS SHOT US WITH THEIR
OZONE RAYS.** I think I'm scared
again.

Staff: It's not that bad Ditty.

Ditty: (nonchalantly). Oh. Okay then. I'm
going cut my lawn. The grass is
really tall – all that rain you know.

Renee: Wait Ditty. If there is an ozone alert
there are some things that you
should know.

Ditty: (exasperated) Like what?

Renee: Well for one – health concerns.
Ozone can irritate your throat and
your lungs. It may also make it harder
for your body to fight off disease.

Ditty: Whew! I'm dizzy. First I was scared.
Then I was okay. Then I was scared.
Then I was okay. Now I am scared
again.

Staff: There is nothing to be scared of Ditty.

Renee: Right. You just have to use some
common sense. On ozone alert days

try to cut your grass late in the evening or put it off for another day.

Staff: And don't put gas in your car during peak traffic hours when the air is already full of fumes.

Renee: How about carpooling. If more people ride in one car then there are less cars on the road and less fumes.

Ditty: That is a lot to remember.

Staff: Well, Ditty. If we all do our part and spread the word then there will be a lot less for you to remember and a lot more people doing the right thing.

Ditty: You know, I think you are right. I can find someone to ride to school with tomorrow. See you guys around.